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THE ELEVENTH DAY.

Saturday, the 15th March 1930.

The Assembly met again at 11-15 A. M. on Saturday, the 15th March 1930, the Dewan presiding.

DEWAN: In reply to a representation, made the day before yesterday, that the *kist* months in the Kottayam Division should be changed from Tulam and Vrischigom, I said that I would take the opinion of the other members of the Kottayam Division also and that, if they were generally in favour of a change, the Government would be prepared to consider that favourably.

Last evening, at 5 o'clock, the members of the Kottayam Division met here and I find from the views expressed by them that they are all in favour of a change from Tulam and Vrischigom to Vrischigom and Dhanu. That will bring the *kist* months of the Kottayam Division into conformity with those in the Quilon Division, and I think the Government will not have any objection to that. Definite orders will be passed later.

174. Needs of the Padmanabhapuram Municipality.

MR. MAHOMED HASSAN (*Municipal Council, Padmanabhapuram*) spoke on the following needs of the Padmanabhapuram Municipality;—

The Municipal office buildings should be located on the site of the P. W. D. Telephone office. The site should be handed over to the Municipal Council expeditiously. The loan applied for by the Council for the construction of buildings should be granted.

Arrangements should be made for the steady supply of water in the town of Padmanabhapuram. The Pirappankod tank and the tank near the bus stand in the Thuckalai South Ward, the Tachakulam tank in Thuckalai North Ward and the Pattanikulam tank in the Fort North Ward should be improved. A *kal* should be opened from the Tiruvitankod channel at a point near Parakod to Valliyar, passing through the Thuckalai North and South Wards along the eastern side of the M. S. road. The water course from Puttanar to the Fort North Ward should be extended to the Fort South Ward. More wells should be sunk in the various parts of the town. Bathing ghats should be constructed on the sides of the bridge across the Valliyar on the Thuckalai—Shorlakod road.

Doors should be opened in the Padmanabhapuram Fort wall to facilitate free passage of pure air into the fort.

The toddy and arrack shops situated within the municipal limits should be removed.

The fishermen's quarters should be shifted from within the municipal limits. The fishermen should be given proper sites outside the town for constructing houses, fish-curing yards and stores.

The municipal limits should be extended by including therein the villages of Keralapuram and Tiruvitankod.

The jurisdiction of the Village Panchayat and Bench Magistrates' Courts should be extended over the *pakuthies* of Tiruvitankod and Eraniel.

The Padmanabhapuram Anchal office should be removed to Thuckalai and a Village Anchal office should be opened at Padmanabhapuram.

A compound wall should be constructed for the Vernacular Primary School at Thuckalai.

A veterinary hospital should be opened at Thuckalai.

The control and maintenance of the roads and *satrams* situated within municipal limits should be transferred to the Municipal Council.

The land comprised in Survey No. 2870B of the Thuckalai *pakuthi* should be given to the Municipal Council for providing quarters for sweepers and scavengers. The land should not be registered directly in favour of the sweepers and scavengers.

The Chuttikotta gate at Cherukada in the South Fort wall should be widened.

The Alodi wall adjoining the South Fort wall should be removed so as to afford facilities for traffic in that part of the town where the road was narrow.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Hassan, as regards your first and second points, a site has now been selected for the location of the Telephone office and as soon as the buildings there are completed, and the Telephone office is shifted, the site of the Telephone office will be handed over. And then the application of the Municipality for a loan will be considered.

As regards your third point, about water supply, that is a matter which requires investigation; your representation will be referred to the Chief Engineer for investigation and report.

Your fourth point is one that has struck the Government also and arrrngements will be made for making certain openings in the wall so as to ensure the free passage of air into the fort.

As regards the removal of arrack and toddy shops, a similar representation was made by a previous member and I have replied to that.

As regards the removal of fishermen's quarters, it is for the Municipality to take action. Either the Municipality might write to Government putting forward a scheme in which they require the help of Government or the fishermen themselves might form a co-operative society and put in applications for loans. When the recommendations of the Municipality or these applications are received by Government, the matter will be considered.

Your seventh point is about the extension of the municipal limits by the inclusion of Tiruvitankod. From enquiries made through their officers, Government are not satisfied about the desirability of including Tiruvitankod within the municipal limits. If the Municipality itself thinks that Tiruvitankod should be included, it may take the necessary action and represent the matter to Government.

Your next point was about the extension of the jurisdiction of the Village Panchayat and Bench Magistrate's Courts. That is a matter which will be considered by the Law's Delays Officer.

As regards an Anchal Office at Thuckalai, the question of transferring the Padmanabhapuram Anchal Office or opening a village office will be considered.

Your tenth point was about the compound wall for the vernacular school. That is a matter in which Government agree with you and provision will be made for that work in the budget for 1106.

The question of the veterinary hospital at Tuckalai will be considered along with the general question of opening more veterinary hospitals and dispensaries.

As regards the transfer of roads and *satrams* to the control of the Municipality, I have, in reply to a previous representation, said that, as a general rule, that view cannot now be accepted by Government. As regards the maintenance of roads within the municipal limits being handed over to Municipal Council, as I have already said, that is a matter which will be taken up by Government comprehensively in connection with all the Municipalities.

Your suggestion that the registry should not be in favour of each sweeper but in favour of the Council, so that the Council might see that sweepers are provided with houses and house-sites, will be borne in mind.

As regards your last two points, Government have not received any communication from the Municipal Council. If the Municipal Council moves in the matter, it will be considered.

175. Rural reconstruction.

MR. MAHAMED HASSAN (*Municipal Council, Padmanabhapuram*) said the rural reconstruction was a problem that confronted the people and the Government alike. Villages were being denuded of their population, while towns were becoming congested. Such a state of affairs should no longer be allowed to continue. The life of the village should be co-ordinated with that of the town, the village contributing its mite for the prosperity of the town and *vice versa*. It was the paramount duty of Government, no less than of the people, to work for the resuscitation of the village life.

It was gratifying to note that Government had already begun to realise the importance of rural reconstruction. The main purpose of the movement was the grant of relief to the much indebted agriculturist. The country's poverty was best reflected in the condition of the agriculturists, who formed the bulk of the population. The